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1. ISRAELI PRIMARY BOYCOTT RESTRICTIONS VIS A VIS ARAB BLOCARE BASED ON GOI'S TRADING WITH ENEMY ORDINANCES CITED IN REFTEL C. TO EMBASSY'S KNOWLEDGE, ISRAEL NOT CURRENTLY IMPLEMENTING ANY SECONDARY BOYCOTT MEASURES AGAINST ARAB COUNTRIES. FOR EXAMPLE, THIRD COUNTRY COMPANIES WHO INVESTOR TRADE WITH ARAB BLOC ARE NOT PROHIBITED TO DO SAME IN ISRAEL. WITH REGARD TO OTHER QUESTIONS RAISED IN REFTEL A, SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS AS WELL AS RESIDENT STATUS PLAY PART IN EMPLOYMENT PROCEDURES. BANKING SOURCES REITERATE THAT DANGER OF CONFISCATION WOULD PROHIBIT SHIPMENT OF ANY GOODS TO ISRAEL VIA ARAB COUNTRY. IN SUM, WE SEE VERY LITTLE IF ANY SYMMETRY BETWEEN ARAB BOYCOTT AND ISRAELI TRADE RESTRICTIONS OR EMPLOYMENT REGULATIONS.

2. LOCAL ISRAELI BANKS' LETTERS OR CREDIT DO IN FACT HAVE CLAUSE STIPULATING THAT BILLS OF LADING ET AL  
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MUST SPECIFY THAT VESSEL/AIRPLANE MUST NOT CALL ON ARAB

PORTS OR ENTER THEIR TERRITORIAL WATERS, BUT REASON IS RISK OF CONFISCATION NOT RETALIATION AGAINST ARABS. ONE BANKING SOURCE STRESSED THAT NO THIRD COUNTRY CORRESPONDING BANK WOULD BE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN TRANSACTION INVOLVING SHIPMENT OF GOODS TO ISRAEL THROUGH ARAB COUNTRY.

3. UNDER MINISTRY OF INTERIOR REGULATIONS, NON-RESIDENTS MUST OBTAIN WORK PERMITS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT IN ISRAEL. THESE ARE ISSUED BY INTERIOR MINISTRY IN COOPERATION WITH MINISTRY OF LABOR. NORMALLY WORK PERMITS ARE APPROVED FOR "EXPERTS" (WORKERS WITH SPECIALIZED SKILLS) BY MINISTRY OF LABOR PROVIDED VARIOUS STANDARDS ARE MET. IT MAY APPROVE WORK PERMITS FOR OTHERS IF THEIR EMPLOYMENT DOES NOT DISPLACE ISRAELI RESIDENTS. EMPLOYMENT SERVICE LAW OF 1959 PROHIBITS DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT DUE TO RACE, RELIGION, COLOR, SEX, AGE, ETC. CONSIDERATIONS OF SECURITY ARE NOT REGARDED AS DISCRIMINATION UNDER THE LAW; GENERALLY ISRAELI ARABS ARE NOT EMPLOYED IN DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS.

4. POSSESSION OF ISRAELI CITIZENSHIP OFFERS ADVANTAGES OVER STATUS OF TEMPORARY RESIDENT IN EMPLOYMENT SPHERE AMONG OTHERS. MANY GOVERNMENT POSTS, FOR INSTANCE, ARE RESERVED FOR PERSONS HOLDING ISRAELI CITIZENSHIP. CERTAIN CIVIL SERVICE PERSONS HOLDING ISRAELI CITIZENSHIP. CERTAIN CIVIL SERVICE JOBS ARE AVAILABLE TO NON-CITIZENS, BUT ONLY UNDER SPECIAL CONTRACT NOT EXCEEDING ONE YEAR OR THREE YEARS FROM DATE OF ARRIVAL IN COUNTRY. CONTRACTS MAY BE RENEWED BUT ONLY UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

5. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, CITIZENSHIP FOR JEWISH IMMIGRANTS IS FACILITATED BY LAW OF RETURN (1950) AND ISRAELI CITIZENSHIP LAW (1952). FORMER GIVES EVERY JEW RIGHT TO ENTER AND SETTLE IN ISRAEL (THIS RIGHT MAY BE WITHHELD TO THOSE WITH CRIMINAL RECORDS OR WHO MIGHT AFFECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND ORDER). LATTER LAW GIVES ISRAELI CITIZENSHIP AUTOMATICALLY TO EVERY JEWISH NEW IMMIGRANT UPON ENTRY INTO COUNTRY UNLESS SPECIFIC PROCEDURE WAIVING RIGHT

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IS APPLIED. BLACK JEWS AND A FEW CHRISTIAN MISSIONARIES WHO HAVE WISHED TO BECOME RESIDENTS HAVE NOT BEEN GRANTED THIS STATUS AND HAVE BEEN REFUSED PERMISSION TO WORK IN ISRAEL. THEY ARE, IN FACT, CONSIDERED TO BE IN COUNTRY ILLEGALLY AFTER EXPIRATION OF THEIR NINETY-DAY TOURIST VISAS.

6. COPIES OF TRADING WITH ENEMY ORDINANCES (1950 AND

1939), LAW OF RETURN (1950), AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICE LAW  
(1959) BEING AIRPOUCHED TODAY.  
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